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SUBJECT: ECONADS: AGENDA FOR JUNE 22 MEETING

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1. WASHINGTON AGENCIES CONCUR WITH MAJORITY OF PROPOSED
COLLOQUIUM DISCUSSION THEMES LISTED REFTEL B. COMMERCE
QUESTIONS EMPHASIS ON LDCE IN TOPIC 10 RELATING TO SOVIET
FOREIGN TRADE, SUGGESTS THAT THEME BE RETITLED "THE
IMPACT AND IMPORTANCE OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SOVIET
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TRADE" AND RECOMMENDS DISCUSSION GIVE SPECIAL EMPHASIS
TO QUESTION OF IMPACT OF SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT ON TRADE
WITH WEST. OUR RECOMMENDED LIST OF POSSIBLE U.S.
PARTICIPANTS AT COLLOQUIUM AS FOLLOWS:

GERTRUDE SCHROEDER - UNIV. OF VIRGINIA (REGIONAL
INCOME DIFFERENTIALS, CONSUMPTION THEORY)

MURRAY FESHBACK - COMMERCE DEPT. (DEMOGRAPHIC QUESTIONS)

ROBERT JENSEN - SYRACUSE UNIV. (SOVIET NATURAL RESOURCES)

ROBERT W. CAMPBELL - UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA (SOVIET OIL AND GAS)

LESLIE DIENES - UNIV. OF KANSAS (SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT)

THEODORE SHABAD - NEW YORK TIMES (SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT)

VICTOR MATE - UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON (SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT - MATE AND SHABAD ARE CO-AUTHORS OF A RECENTLY PUBLISHED BOOK ON THE BAM.

ALAN SMITH, J. RICHARD LEE - OER (SOVIET OIL AND GAS)

HOLLAND HUNTER - HAVERFORD COLLEGE (SOVIET TRANSPORTATION)

VLADIMIR TREML - DUKE UNIVERSITY (REGIONAL INPUT/ OUTPUT)

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I.S. KOROPECKY - TEMPLE UNIVERSITY (REGIONAL ECONOMIC STUDIES)

2. ON WORK PROGRAM FOR COMING YEAR HOPE IT IS POSSIBLE TO GIVE CONSIDERATION TO U.S. SUGGESTIONS. NOTE THAT IF REJECTED COLLOQUIUM THEMES SERVE AS PRINCIPAL BASIS FOR COMING YEAR'S WORK PROGRAM COUNTRIES SUCH AS CANADA, WHICH SUBMITTED SEVEN POSSIBLE THEMES FOR COLLOQUIUM, WILL HAVE DISPROPORTIONATE ROLE IN DETERMINING 1978-79 SCHEDULE OF REINFORCED MEETINGS. REGARDING SCHEDULING OF PROPOSED NOVEMBER SESSION ON SOVIET/EE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SUGGEST MEETING BE SET FOR NOVEMBER 2-3, IF POSSIBLE. THIS WOULD PERMIT PARTICIPATION BY JOE LICORI, WHO WILL BE CHIEF OF SOON TO BE CREATED SOVIET CAPABILITIES BRANCH IN OER. HAVE CONSULTED LEAVITT RE FRENCH DESIRE FOR EARLY FOLLOW-UP ON NON-SOVIET WARSAW PACT DEFENSE EXPENDITURES. LEAVITT BELIEVES THAT SEPT. OR OCTOBER 1978 WOULD BE TOO EARLY FOR SUCH A MEETING AND SUGGESTS IT BE SCHEDULED INSTEAD IN EARLY 1979 TO ALLOW TIME FOR DISTRIBUTION AND STUDY OF DIA PAPERS ON SUBJECT. FIRST PAPER USING DOLLAR FIGURES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MID JULY WHILE ESTIMATES QUOTED IN LOCAL

CURRENCIES WILL BE READY ONLY IN EARLY FALL. THESE PAPERS
WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE.

3. U.S. SPECIALISTS CONFIRM LONDON TIMES REPORT THAT
1977 SOVIET GOLD SALES REACHED RECORD LEVELS. REASONS
CITED HERE ARE SOVIET DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN BALANCE OF
PAYMENTS POSITION AND AVOID ADDITIONAL INDEBTEDNESS TO
WESTERN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS. FIRMNESS OF GOLD MARKET
THROUGHOUT, 1977 WHICH ENABLED SOVIETS TO DISPOSE OF LARGE

VOLUME OF GOLD WITHOUT DEPRESSING PRICES, WAS FURTHER
INDUCEMENT TO LARGE SALES.

4. NO OBJECTIONS TO DELETIONS IN REPORT ON SOVIET
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